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TAGS: AORG, APER, FAO
SUBJECT: FAO PERSONNEL

REF: A. KUALA LUMPUR 8076; B. STATE 221943

1. DWYER: USREP LEARNED SEPT. 5 THAT DWYER AGAIN
BEING FAVORABLY CONSIDERED FOR NUTRITION POSITION AND
THAT ISLAM PLANS SEE HER THIS WEEK IN NY AT DG REQUEST.
DG ALSO WANTS WEST TO SEE HER, IN PART BECAUSE SHE HAD
BEGUN TO CONDITION HER ACCEPTANCE ON PROMISES OF IN-
CREASED BUDGET. DG UNDERSTANDABLY HESITANT TO MAKE
SUCH PROMISES, AND, IN FACT, WE NOT AWARE THAT USG
HAS TAKEN FIRM POSITION THAT HEIGHTENED FAO ATTENTION
WE DESIRE FOR NUTRITION SHOULD BE HANDLED PRIMARILY OUT
OF REGULAR BUDGET. INTERESTINGLY, DG WHO HAVING TROUBLE
GETTING RID OF LESS GIFTED, BUT "TENURED" FAO PROFES-
SIONALS, IS REPORTEDLY QUITE OPEN TO MORE FLEXIBLE
SYSTEM OF ADDING "UNTENURED" POSITIONS FUNDED EX-
TERNALLY. 10 MAY WISH REVIEW THIS AREA WITH DWYER
BEFORE SHE INTERVIEWED BY WEST. ISSUE BASICALLY IS
WHETHER WE PREFER OPTION A IN DRAFT ACTION PROGRAM,
OR OPTION B, WHICH PUTS A CERTAIN STRAIN ON A ZERO
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GROWTH APPROACH TO 1980-81 BUDGET. IN FODAG VIEW,
OPTIONS IN DRAFT PROGRAM FOR FAO SLIGHTLY MISLEADING.
A STORNG EFFORT TO REDIRECT PRESENT PROGRAM OF WORK
TOWARD MORE NUTRITION ACTIVITY AS PER OPTION B IS
CERTAINLY IN ORDER, BUT IS NOT LIKELY PRODUCE MORE
THAN MODEST RESULTS (OPTION A) BY END OF BIENNIUM.
REAL QUESTION IS WHETHER FAO SHOULD LOOK TO ITSELF

OR TO EXTERNAL FUNDING FOR SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED PROGRAM IN 1980'S.

2. ROYSTON: ADG WEST INTERESTED IN INTERVIEWING ROYSTON FOR EVALUATION AND/OR CORBISHLY POSITION IN FIRST WEEK OCTOBER IN ROME, BY WHICH TIME HE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TALKED WITH FRENCH CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED CORBISHLY. PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER ROYSTON WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO COME TO ROME AT THAT TIME.

3. FRITZ: ADG SYLLA TO WHOM U.S. REP SPOKE ABOUT CURTIS FRITZ (REF A) SAID HE MADE GOOD IMPRESSION. HOWEVER, HE LACKED FRENCH. EFFECT OF THIS WOULD DEPEND ON IMPRESSION MADE BY OTHER CANDIDATES, ONE OF WHOM A CERTAIN LEIBOWITZ, WITH PREVIOUS FAO EXPERIENCE, ARRIVING SHORTLY FROM ISRAEL. SYLLA LATER TOLD USREP HE RECOMMENDED FRITZ FIRST; LIEBOWITZ SECOND. SYLLA DID NOT MENTION ANY OTHER AMCITS ON SHORT LIST.

4. D.D. SOLOMON: THIS RURAL SOCIOLOGIST IN DR. MORIN'S DIVISION SEEKING U.S. REP SUPPORT FOR NEW P-5 POSITION HEADING WOMEN FOR DEVELOPMENT UNIT UNDER DR. MORIN. SOLOMON HAS LONG EXPERIENCE AND DESERVES NORMAL SUPPORT, IN FODAG'S VIEW, UNLESS THERE ARE OTHER STRONGER U.S. SUPPORTED CANDIDATES FOR THAT POSITION. WOULD APPRECIATE IO/EX AND POSSIBLE ARVONNE FRASER COMMENT SINCE SOLOMON THINKS HE CONFIDENTIAL

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ABOUT TO LOSE OUT OF SEVERAL ESS QUALIFIED (IN HIS OPINION) WOMEN, ONE OF WHOM HE THINKS IS AN AMERICAN.

5. LLOYD SCHWEITZER IS VETERAN FAO FIELD PROJECT MAN IN POULTRY FIELD SEEKING TOP FAO POULTRY SLOT UNDER CHARPENTIER IN MUSSMAN'S DIVISION, AND WISHES USREP'S SUPPORT. WE INCLINED TO PROVIDE IT IF MUSSMAN WANTS HIM. HIS EXPERIENCE DATES BACK TO HENRY WALLACE'S AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES.

6. FODAG COMMENTING SEPARATELY ON PARA 3, REF B.HOLMES

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